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BEFORE

DN 97-221-C

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDER NO. 97-409 ✓

MAY 15, 1997

IN RE: GTE South, Inc. and Lakewood)
 Communications Services) EMERGENCY ORDER

This matter comes before the single Commissioner as per request of the Commission Staff (the Staff) with regard to a shared tenant situation involving Lakewood Campground and Lakewood Communications at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Said campground is presently served by GTE South, Inc. (GTE). According to the Staff, GTE and Lakewood Communications have a contract whereby Lakewood Communications would provide shared tenant services and telephone communication services to the residents of the Lakewood Campground. Various residents have received a letter stating that their individual service would be terminated and service would only be available through Lakewood Communications and the shared tenant service. This Commissioner is aware of complaints from various residents of Lakewood Campgrounds, protesting the fact that they are apparently about to lose their individual services as provided by GTE.


According to Regulation 103-886, when it appears to the Staff that a utility is planning to disconnect its service to customers in violation of the Commission's Rules, and under circumstances

which prevent the full Commission from meeting to address the issue, upon the request of the Staff, any one Commissioner may issue an Order on behalf of the Commission, restraining and/or enjoining a utility from disconnecting service or requiring the utility to maintain the status quo with its customers until further Order of the Commission.

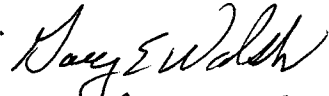
I believe that this disconnection of any individual customer's services would be a violation of our Order No. 87-90, issued on January 23, 1987 in which we held that an individual may elect to be served directly by a local exchange company (LEC). This is equivalent to a violation of Commission Rules. It also appears that various residents of the campground are in danger of having their individual service from GTE cut off. Accordingly, pursuant to Regulation 103-886, I hereby restrain and enjoin GTE from disconnecting individual service to any individual resident and/or tenant of Lakewood Campgrounds at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina until this Commission can investigate the matter further.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER:


WARREN D. ARTHUR, IV
COMMISSIONER

Columbia, South Carolina
May 15, 1997

ATTESTED TO: 
Deputy Executive Director